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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: INSPECTION OF EMBASSY KUWAIT

REF: (A) STATE 2157 1, (B) KUWAIT 4453

1. EMBASSY FULLY UNDERSTANDS PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN ADJUSTING
TIGHT INSPECTION SCHEDULES (REF A). OUR CONCERN WAS TO
ASSURE THAT EMBASSY STAFF AND RESOURCES WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY
AVAILABLE TO ENABLE PROPER INSPECTION TO BE CONDUCTED.
ADDITION OF ANOTHER DAY, WITH DEPARTURE SCHEDULED FOR
NOVENLER 20, MAY BE NECESSARY

2. HOWEVER, ANOTHER COMPLICATION HAS ENTERED UPON THE SCENE.
AS WE HAD TENTATIVELY ANTICIPATED (REFHO), TREASURY SECRETARY
BLUMENTHAL WILL BE VISITING KUWAIT NOVEMBER 21-22, IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING INSPECTORS' DEPARTURE. AS INSPECTORS WILL
APPRECIATE, A SMALL EMBASSY SUCH AS KUWAIT WILL HAVE TO
DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE TIME, EFFORT, AND PERSONNEL OF ALL
SECTIONS TO PREPARATIONS FOR CABINET OFFICER VISIT. FINAL
PREPARATIONS WILL PERFORCXCENTER ON PERIOD IMMEDIATELY
BEFORE VISIT, I.E. NOVEMBER 18-20, PRECISELY THE DAYS IN
WHICH THE EMBASSY HAD HOPED TO MAKE ITS RESOURCES FULLY
AVAILABLE TO INSPECTORS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY FEELS THAT, IN THE
SITUATION, THIS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE, AT LEAST TO THE EXTENT
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THAT THE AMBASSADOR WOULD DESIRE, BUT TRUSTS INSPECTORS
WILL UNDERSTAND.
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